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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

This is in reference to response received 13 March 2006 and proposed amendment for claims 1 and 8 faxed to the examiner on 12 May 2006. Claims filed 19 November 2004 are the last known set of claims pending in the application with the election of claims 1 – 9 and 11 in the response received 21 November 2005. There are 10 claims, claims 1 – 9 and 11 pending for examination.

In the invention received 13 March 2006, applicant added limitation “a web server in communication with the user, the web server providing information to a browser of the user which information is configured to allow notification of the eCommerce services provided to the made available via the internet to the user”. It is not clear what the applicant is claiming as their invention.

In response to this office action, applicant is request to clarify for the examiner how to interpret this limitation in the claim. Applicant may file the response as amendment to the claim.

In the response received 21 November 2005, applicant elected with traverse Group I, claims 1 – 9 and 11. Applicant argues that Group I and II are connected in design, operation and/or effect and are therefore not independent, the claims which the Office Action has grouped separately are not "independent and distinct", so as to justify the Restriction Requirement.

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However, claim 12 (claim in Group II) recites the limitation of providing eCommerce services via a web server with the login in capability using a client applet is not supported by the web server claimed by the applicant as their invention in Group I.

Additionally, claim 12 recites the limitation using and authentication servlet to conduct user authentication and display available servers to the users is not supported by the web server claimed by the applicant as their invention in Group I.

Also, claim 12 recites the limitation if a new service is created and started while the user is logged in via the internet with the web server is not supported by the web server claimed by the applicant as their invention in Group I.

Therefore, for the reasons above, it is examiners position that the restrictions be maintained and made final.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naresh Vig whose telephone number is (571) 272-6810. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 6:00 (Wednesday off).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Naresh Vig". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "N" and a trailing flourish.

Naresh Vig
Examiner
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March 27, 2006